

Please amend the last paragraph on page 8 of the application as follows:

Similarly, dimensions of the multiple zones of differing resistance also may suitably vary. Preferably, the length of conductive zone 12 (dimension x in FIG. 1) will extend above any housing in which the igniter may be mounted to prevent heating of the mounting, which can lead to degradation of the igniter. The length of booster zone 14 (dimension y in FIG. 1) suitably may be from about 0.1 to about 2 cm, more typically about 0.2 to about 1 cm, although other booster zone dimensions also will be suitable. Booster zone lengths (distance y in FIG. 1) of 0.2 to 0.5 cm will be suitable for many applications. Preferably, the path length of hot zone 16  $\pm 2$  (i.e. minimum distance from points 16a to 16b) will be at least about 0.2 cm, and up to